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SUBJECT: KREISKY ON SAKHAROV

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1. IN REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING WITH PRESS FOLLOWING CABINET MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, CHANCELLOR KREISKY SAID THAT RESPONSIBLE SOVIET UNION LEADERS HAVE THEMSELVES BECOME MUCH MORE SENSITIZED TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC OPINION, E.G. THEIR USE OF PUBLIC OPINION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE, AND THAT SEVERAL EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS HAD THEMSELVES MADE COMMENTS ON SAKHAROV CASE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTIES. ACCORDING KREISKY, SUM TOTAL OF COMMENTARY ON SAKHAROV SHOULD HAVE SALUTORY EFFECT IN LEADING TO MORE "SOPHISTICATED TREATMENT" OF SCIENTISTS AND WRITERS IN SOVIET UNION. KREISKY REPEATED EARLIER VIEWPOINT (SEE REFTEL) THAT HUMAN RIGHTS PORTION OF UN CHARTER EMPOWERED HIM TO MAKE STATEMENT ON SAKHAROV.

2. AT END OF HIS REMARKS TO PRESS, KREISKY INDICATED HE WOULD HAVE MORE TO SAY ON SUBJECT IN ADDRESS HE
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WILL GIVE AT OPENING OF MEETING OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, VIENNA, SEPTEMBER 13.

3. COMMENT: KREISKY'S COMMENTARY TO PRESS APPEARS
DESIGNED TO ASSUAGE THOSE FEW AUSTRIANS WHO HAVE VOICED
SOME CONCERN THAT KREISKY MAY HAVE GONE A BIT FAR
IN UPBRAIDING SOVIET UNION FOR ITS HARASSMENT OF
SAKHAROV AND THAT AUSTRIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS MAY, AS
RESULT, SUFFER. HUMES

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